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H. R. 4245

To amend section 1964 of title 18, United States Code, to provide protection for nonviolent advocacy.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 16, 1998

Mr. SHADEGG (for himself, Mr. COBURN, Mr. BRYANT, and Mr. HYDE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Civil RICO Clarifica-
5 tion Act of 1998”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY.**

7 The Constitutional authority upon which this Act
8 rests is the power of Congress to regulate commerce with
9 foreign nations and among the several States, set forth
10 in article I, section 8 of the United States Constitution.

1 **SEC. 3. CLARIFICATION OF CIVIL RICO.**

2 Section 1964 of title 18, United States Code, is
3 amended by adding at the end the following:

4 “(e) No action may be commenced under subsection
5 (c) of this section based on any racketeering activity con-
6 sisting of an act or threat involving extortion.”.

7 **SEC. 4. APPLICATION TO PENDING CASES.**

8 The amendment made by this Act shall apply to cases
9 pending (including those pending in appellate proceedings)
10 on the date of the enactment of this Act.

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